

What is the future of energy storage?

Storage enables electricity systems to remain in balance despite variations in wind and solar availability, allowing for cost-effective deep decarbonization while maintaining reliability. The Future of Energy Storage report is an essential analysis of this key component in decarbonizing our energy infrastructure and combating climate change.

What is energy storage?

Energy storage is a technology that holds energy at one time so it can be used at another time. Building more energy storage allows renewable energy sources like wind and solar to power more of our electric grid.

Why is energy storage important?

Energy storage is a potential substitute for, or complement to, almost every aspect of a power system, including generation, transmission, and demand flexibility. Storage should be co-optimized with clean generation, transmission systems, and strategies to reward consumers for making their electricity use more flexible.

Why should we invest in energy storage technologies?

Investing in research and development for better energy storage technologies is essential to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, reduce emissions, and create a more resilient energy system. Energy storage technologies will be crucial in building a safe energy future if the correct investments are made.

What are energy storage technologies?

Energy storage technologies have the potential to reduce energy waste, ensure reliable energy access, and build a more balanced energy system. Over the last few decades, advancements in efficiency, cost, and capacity have made electrical and mechanical energy storage devices more affordable and accessible.

How can energy be stored?

Energy can also be stored by making fuel such as hydrogen, which can be burned when energy is most needed. Pumped hydroelectricity, the most common form of large-scale energy storage, uses excess energy to pump water uphill, then releases the water later to turn a turbine and make electricity.

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